

such as Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bahadurgarh, Ghaziabad etc. are linked with Delhi through the local call;

(b) whether these norms are not applicable for Sharsa-Madhepura and Saharsa-Supaul in Bihar;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The interdialling call facility at 180 seconds pulse between Delhi-Gurgaon, Delhi-Faridabad, Delhi-Bahadurgarh, Delhi-Ghaziabad etc. have been extended as telephone systems of Gurgaon, Faridabad, Bahadurgarh and Ghaziabad share common boundary with Delhi Telephone system.

(b) to (d) No Sir. The criteria as at (a) above is not applicable because Telephone systems of Madhepura and Supaul do not share common boundary with Saharsa Telephone system.

[English]

Infrastructural facilities on Kurla and Bandra Railway Terminus

2924. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no infrastructural facilities have been provided at Kurla Railway Terminus and Bandra Railway Terminus in Central and Western Railways respectively, for travelling public; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide above mentioned facilities including proper approach roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Construction of Over Bridges

2925. KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of foundation stones laid for construction of railways flyover, the status of work on each of such flyovers and the flyovers which have been inaugurated by the Railway Minister during 1994-95, State-wise; and

(b) whether it is compulsory to invite the local MLAs and MPs in such inauguration programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Foundation

Stone of only one Road Over Bridge at Fatuah on 16.2.97 in Bihar was laid by Railway Minister where State Govt. has yet to acquire land to start construction.

(b) Railway have instructions to invite local MALs & MPs during such functions.

[Translation]

Provision of both sides exit at Old Delhi Railway Station

2926. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned "*Pata nahin Purani Delhi Station ka Doosra Nikas Dwar Kab Banega*" appearing in the daily "*Dainik Jagran*", New Delhi edition, dated December 29, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof including its estimated cost; and

(e) if not, the step taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (d) The work of 2nd entry to Delhi Jn. Railway Station was sanctioned in 1995-96 at a cost of Rs. 1.24 cr. The work is in full swing and is likely to be completed by 30.06.1997.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Permit of Vehicles to come up to Tarmac of Airports

2927. SHRI G. M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has approached the Union Government or the National Airport Authority to permit its certain categories of vehicles to come the tarmac of the airports;

(b) if so, details of the proposal received;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the present rules regarding the categories of vehicles allowed upto the tarmac?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra had requested for permission for entry of vehicles of the Chief Minister and officials of the State Government in the operational area of the airport for protocol purposes.

(c) The request of Maharashtra Government for issuing permanent permits was not accepted.

(d) Permission for vehicles in respect of VVIPs and other dignitaries in the operational areas of the airports is granted after due considerations of security as well as protocol.

Booking of Goods

2928. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of goods booked with the Railway Godowns during 1995-96, zone-wise;

(b) the goods stolen out of that and the value thereof;

(c) the value of goods recovered out of the goods stolen and the loss suffered by Railways on account of the theft; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to check such thefts from the Railway Godowns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The value of goods booked by Railways is not quantifiable as it is not obligatory for the consignor to declare its value;

(b) and (c) The value of goods stolen/recovered out of the goods booked with the Railways during the year 1995-96, zone-wise is as under :

Railways	No. of Cases	Value of property in Rs.	
		Stolen	Recovered
C. Rly.	394	3493812	1027534
E. Rly.	2383	10821990	878559
N. Rly.	887	4977524	2126688
N.E. Rly.	558	2269136	365111
NF. Rly.	1117	5670115	143301
S. Rly.	611	2773436	396653
S.C. Rly.	205	560215	44228
S.E. Rly.	846	4290041	45526
W. Rly.	660	3049025	424555
Total	7661	37905294	5452155

(d) The following preventive measures are taken to check such thefts :

1. Escorting of trains carrying booked items and other valuable consignments over vulnerable sections as far as possible.
2. Intensive beat patrolling in yards and other affected areas/sections.
3. Joint checking at interchange points to take stock of the conditions of wagons/seals, carrying consignments.
4. RPF armed pickets are posted/deployed in vulnerable sections as far as possible.
5. Plain clothed RPF personnel are also deployed to collect crime intelligence with a view to tracking down the criminals.
6. Based on criminal intelligence, raids and searches are conducted on the dens of criminals/receivers of stolen property in order to bring them to book.
7. Dogs squads are deployed for patrolling vulnerable yards and areas.
8. Close co-ordination between RPF, GRP and local police is maintained at various levels to apprehend criminals and receivers of stolen property.

Postal Employees

2929. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the strength of Postal employees together with their increased strength during each of the last four years, group-wise;

(b) the establishment cost of postal services during the above period as against the postal services;

(c) whether the Government have quantified and assessed the increase and strain in postal services;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the present strength of staff is adequate to meet the demand of postal services in the country; and

(f) if not, the steps taken to meet this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The sanctioned strength of postal employees working in Postal side in various cadres from 1991 and for the last four years, group-wise, is as under:

Year	Gr. 'A'	Gr. 'B'	Gr. 'C'	Gr. 'D'
1991-92	705	1047	234387	52469
1992-93	705	1063	232748	51834
1993-94	701	1065	232082	52144
1994-95	701	1086	232376	52328